

WOMT Summary for 2/27/09:

At Reclamation's request, WOMT held a special operations coordination call on Friday, February 27. Reclamation asked WOMT to consider an increase in combined exports from about 6,100 cfs to about 7,000 cfs or 7,200 cfs beginning this weekend. The Smelt Working Group (SWG) held an held a special call on February 27 to address this request and made a recommendation concurring with Reclamation's request provided that a number of actions are included: 1) the 5-day, or daily OMR value should not be more negative than -5,000 cfs, 2) the exports should not ramp up by more than about 500 cfs beginning on Saturday, 3) conditions will be reevaluated on Monday, March 2, 4) particle tracking modeling will be performed for three export scenarios for the SMG, and 5) the projects will return the export level to the level reported on February 26 at about 6,100 cfs if an adult delta smelt is salvaged.

Reclamation will also begin posting a calculation of the OMR values on the CVO website.

FWS concurred with the SWG's recommendations and WOMT agreed that these conditions are acceptable for the operations beginning Saturday with the exception that operation to a daily OMR is not practicable.

DFG indicated that the longfin smelt would be adequately protected under these operations.